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## Poe Stories

1. Name ~~two~~ characteristics of Poe's writing.

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3. Why was Poe unhappy most of his life?

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6. In the "Purloined Letter" how did Dupin discover the missing letter?

7. Why did the police have such difficulty?

8. State a theme about being a good detective.

9. In "The Black Cat" state the foreshadowing.

10. Why did the narrator kill his wife in "The Black Cat"?

11. What character flaw gave the murder away in "The Black Cat"?

11. In "The Case of Amontillado" how does a man lure another to his death?
12. Referring to #11, why does the narrator want to kill Fortunato?
13. What tone is used in "The Raven"?
14. Who did Poe think of when the raven was near?
15. What seems to be a central ~~thread~~ <sup>theme</sup> running through Poe's writings?
16. Discuss two background experiences of O'Henry.
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18. What was the twist or irony in "The Reason of Red Chief"?
19. Why didn't the kidnappers succeed?
20. What was the final twist in this story?

21. In "Twenty Years" what had happened to each of the two friends?

22. What was the twist or irony at the end of the twenty years?

23. What did Jimmy Wells put ahead of his friendship?

24. Who are Bella & Jim in "A Gift of the Magi"?  
What was the irony?

25. State a theme in "A Gift of the Magi".

26. In "The Cop and the Anthem", why did Soapy want to be on Blackwell's Island?

27. What big decision did he make about his life?

28. What was the ~~twist~~ twist?

29. Why did Soapy want prison over a charitable institution?

30. What seems to be a central ~~thread~~ <sup>theme</sup> running through O'Henry's writing?